



King County

Metropolitan King County Council Committee of the Whole

Agenda Item No.: 6	Date: October 20, 2008
Briefing No.: 2008-0535	Prepared By: Chuck Williams

SUBJECT:

A MOTION authorizing the chair of the council to amend the existing the contract for services with the Ferguson Group to represent the county during the 2009 United States 111th Congress, 1st session.

SUMMARY:

Since 1997, The Ferguson Group has represented King County before the U.S. Congress on a wide range of issues. Their current contract expires on December 31, 2008 may be renewed for an additional two years. Proposed Motion 2008-0535 (Attachment 1) would renew the existing contract T02793T, to represent King County during the 2009 United States 111th Congress, 1st Session.

Documentation attached to this staff report includes a letter from The Ferguson Group Partner, Bill Hanka, requesting that King County extend the existing contract T02793T for 2009 calendar year 2007 (Attachment 2). His letter documents the accomplishments made by The Ferguson Group on behalf of King County. Also included is, The Ferguson Group Activity Report for August - September 2008 detailing the status of the FY 2009 Federal Legislative Agenda (Attachment 3).

The Ferguson Group has been very successful in its representation of King County, working with our congressional delegation to obtain \$262 million in federal funding over the past ten years (\$19 million in FY 2008). Attached is a table showing the results for FY 2005 and FY 2008 and the pending interim list for FY 2009 (Attachment 4). Our long standing relationship with The Ferguson Group has allowed them to understand the County's issues and priorities, and their successful track record reflects this knowledge and understanding. The high quality work performed by The Ferguson Group has been recognized by our Congressional Delegation, as well as by Councilmembers and the King County Executive.

The Ferguson Group Issue Team for King County now includes three partners and one principal. The amount of this amendment 1 is \$258,000 making the total amount of the contract \$516,000.

The FY 2010 Federal Legislative Agenda is currently being prepared. Since Congress has delayed final action on many items on the FY 2009 agenda, the FY 2009 results and FY 2010

Proposed Federal Agenda will be brought to the Legislative Steering Committee for their review at a later date.

ATTENDING:

Chuck Williams, Director of Government Relations

Maura Brueger, Senior Advisor for Federal Relations, King County Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Motion
2. Letter from The Ferguson Group
3. The Ferguson Group Activity Report August – September 2008
4. The Ferguson Group Results FY 2005-2009



KING COUNTY

Signature Report

October 17, 2008

ATTACHMENT 1

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Motion

Proposed No. 2008-0535.1

Sponsors Dunn, Constantine, Phillips,
Hague and Patterson

1 A MOTION authorizing the chair of the council to amend
2 the existing contract for services with the Ferguson Group
3 to extend the term to represent the county in 2009 during
4 the United States 111th Congress, 1st session.

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6 WHEREAS, the county is a subdivision of the state of Washington, and

7 WHEREAS, the county's services, operations and finances are to a significant
8 extent controlled by the actions of the state and federal governments, and

9 WHEREAS, the actions of the United States Congress affect the county's
10 services, operations and finances, and

11 WHEREAS, the grants, proposals and actions of the federal executive branch
12 affect the delivery of services to the citizens of King County, and

13 WHEREAS, the current financial situation in the United States could result in
14 added issues of concern to the citizens of King County, and

15 WHEREAS, the United States 111th Congress, 1st Session will be developing the
16 next six-year authorization for Transportation Investments that are of great interest to the
17 citizens of King County, and

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18 WHEREAS, the 111th Congress, 1st Session will develop a new authorization for
19 the next Water Resource Development Act, that is of great interest to the citizens of King
20 County, and

21 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the residents of the county for the county to
22 have the services of professional federal legislative and administrative advocacy and
23 representation during the 111th Congress, 1st Session on a broad range of complex
24 issues, and

25 WHEREAS, the Ferguson Group has successfully met and exceeded every
26 contractual requirement within the original contract with the county, and

27 WHEREAS, the Ferguson Group was selected through a competitive procurement
28 process in 2007 and a staff group evaluated the proposals and unanimously selected the
29 Ferguson Group as the preferred consultant, and

30 WHEREAS, the Ferguson Group has represented King County since 1997 before
31 the United States Congress on a wide range of issues. Their current contract provides for
32 services through December 31, 2008, but may be extended for up to two additional
33 years. This amendment would extend the contract through December 31, 2009, to obtain
34 the services of the Ferguson Group to represent King County during the 111th Congress,
35 1st Session.

36 WHEREAS, the Ferguson Group would provide the high level of expertise
37 needed to represent the county during the 111th Congress, 1st Session, and

38 WHEREAS, Motion 10651, Section III, as amended, and OR 1-020 requires the
39 authorization by the full council for the council chair to sign consultant contracts in
40 excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;

Motion

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

42 The chair of the metropolitan King County council is hereby authorized to
43 execute contract amendment number 1 to Contract T02793T with the Ferguson Group in
44 substantially the form attached to this motion, to provide for an additional year of
45 services in an additional amount not to exceed two hundred and fifty eight thousand
46 dollars, for the following services as set forth in the contract:

47 A. Representing the county before and monitoring actions by the United States
48 111th Congress, 1st Session, and the federal administration; and

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49 B. Advocating on the county's behalf on policy issues including but not limited to
50 those contained in the county's adopted federal agenda.

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Attachments A. Contract Amendment

CONTRACT AMENDMENT

PROJECT NAME: The Ferguson Group CONTRACT: T02793T AGENCY/CONTRACTOR: COUNCIL
DATE ENTERED: 9/17/08 AMENDMENT NO. #1 ADDRESS: 1130 Connecticut Ave. NW Washington, D.C.
20036 DATE ENTERED: 9/18/2008

Amendment #1

AMENDMENT REQUESTED BY:
<u>Council</u>
ORGANIZATION
<u>Chuck Williams</u>
NAME

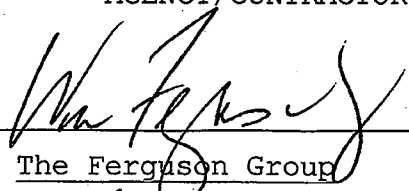
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation	<input type="checkbox"/> Terms & conditions
<input type="checkbox"/> Results of Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

- **Extend duration of services from January 1, 2009, December 31, 2009**
- **Total amendment #1 amount: \$258,000**
- **Total contract amount: \$516,000**

WITNESS HEREOF, The parties hereto have caused this amendment to be executed and instituted on the date first above written.

KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

By: Councilmember Julia Patterson
Title: Chair
Date: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & ACCEPTANCE
AGENCY/CONTRACTOR

By: <u>The Ferguson Group</u>
Title: <u>CEO</u>
Date: <u>9/18/08</u>



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October 3, 2008

The Honorable Julia Patterson
Chair, Metropolitan King County Council
King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

The Honorable Ron Sims
King County Executive
King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue, Room 400
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Chair Patterson and Executive Sims:

On behalf of The Ferguson Group, LLC (TFG) and its King County team, I am writing to request that you renew our contract agreement to provide federal government services for King County. Working together we have built a strong foundation for consistently securing substantial levels of federal funding, as well as influencing legislative policy.

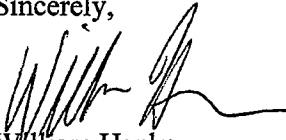
During the 12 years that TFG has represented King County in Washington, D.C., we have worked with the County and its congressional delegation to secure more than \$254 million in federally-designated funds. The figure does not reflect the significant financial benefits to the County as a result of the impact we have had on broader legislation and regulatory matters, nor does it include at least \$22 million for projects on the County's FY 2009 federal agenda, which is currently pending before Congress. The FY 2009 appropriations process is not yet complete and is expected to remain unfinished until early next year.

TFG develops and implements, in cooperation with King County elected officials and staff, strategies on all lobbying efforts to successfully move your federal agenda and action plan. We prepare all briefing materials, letters and talking points for federal and local legislators; meet with Members of Congress and their staff, as well as federal agency officials, to promote King County, and work with national coalitions to promote policies beneficial to King County. TFG organizes and arranges for meetings for King County elected officials and staff in Washington, D.C., with key decision makers, accompanies County representatives to these meetings and ensures that the appropriate follow-up is handled accordingly. We also provide regular verbal and written reports to keep the County attuned to the status of its agenda, as well as to new legislation and policies of interest to the County. These are just a few of the services that TFG

provides that enable King County to maintain an aggressive federal presence.

Last year, The Ferguson Group was very grateful to have been chosen to remain as your federal representative after a competitive rebidding process. We feel that this was a vote of confidence for how we do business and we thank you for the opportunity to continue to represent King County. TFG has a proven record of success as King County's federal lobbyist and remains committed to seeking out new ways to provide the County with the highest quality of service. We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Hanka', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William Hanka
Partner

enclosure



KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
The Ferguson Group Activity Report
August – September 2008

Updated Fiscal Year 2009 Federal Agenda Chart

Attached below is an update on the latest action on each of the County’s FY 2009 federal agenda items (with the latest action bolded in red):

	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST	UPDATE
1.	Transportation	<p>Small Starts Request: \$20.2 million for the Bellevue-Redmond RapidRide Project</p> <p>Bus and Bus Facilities Account: \$5 million for hybrid bus fleet expansion, funds to be used to pay for cost differential over diesel buses (approximately \$200k per bus);</p> <p>Surface Transportation Program: 1. \$5 million for the South Park Bridge Replacement Project; 2. \$4 million for the Novelty Hill Road Improvement Project; 3. \$400,000 for the Regional Traffic Operations Program.</p> <p>Transportation and Community System Preservation Program: 1. \$1.9 million for the 98th Street Trail Connector Project in White Center. 2. \$1 million for East Lake Sammamish Trail Master Plan Construction.</p>	<p>The Ferguson Group (TFG) continued to monitor the congressional appropriations process and work with the County’s Congressional Delegation to advance the requests with individual Members.</p> <p>The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of the Transportation, HUD Appropriations bill on July 10. The bill included \$20 million for the Bellevue-Redmond RapidRide Project.</p> <p>The House Appropriations Committee has yet to schedule a markup for its version of the Transportation, HUD Appropriations bill.</p> <p>On September 30, the President signed H.R. 2638, a continuing resolution for all federal agencies and activities until enactment of the applicable regular appropriations bill or until March 6, 2009, whichever occurs first.</p>

2.	Vashon Island Passenger Only Ferry	\$2 million for the Vashon Island Passenger Only Ferry from Department of Transportation Ferry Boat and Terminal Facilities Account.	<p>TFG continued to monitor the congressional appropriations process and work with the County's Congressional Delegation to advance the request with individual Members.</p> <p>The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of the Transportation, HUD Appropriations bill on July 10. The bill included \$1 million for the Vashon Island Passenger Only Ferry.</p> <p>The House Appropriations Committee has yet to schedule a markup for its version of the Transportation, HUD Appropriations bill.</p> <p>On September 30, the President signed H.R. 2638, a continuing resolution for all federal agencies and activities until enactment of the applicable regular appropriations bill or until March 6, 2009, whichever occurs first.</p>
3.	King County International Airport	Secure \$15.97 million in the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Improvement Program for the KCIA Taxiway Bravo Project.	<p>TFG continued to monitor the congressional appropriations process and work with the County's Congressional Delegation to advance the request with individual Members.</p> <p>The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of the Transportation, HUD Appropriations bill on July 10. The bill did not include funding for Taxiway Bravo.</p> <p>The House Appropriations Committee has yet to schedule a markup for its version of the Transportation, HUD Appropriations bill.</p> <p>On September 30, the President signed H.R. 2638, a continuing resolution for all federal agencies and activities until enactment of the applicable regular appropriations bill or until March 6, 2009, whichever occurs first.</p>

<p>4.</p>	<p>Salmon Recovery</p>	<p>Secure the following in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$6.5 million for the Duwamish/Green Ecosystem Restoration Program; 2. \$5.0 million for the Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project <p>Support \$90 million in Department of Commerce Appropriations for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Program, which is critical to habitat recovery projects in King County.</p> <p>Secure \$500,000 in the Agriculture Appropriations bill to design, implement and maintain a series of on-the-ground restoration projects on private agricultural lands for salmon habitat restoration in the Snoqualmie Watershed through the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program.</p>	<p>TFG continued to monitor the congressional appropriations process and work with the County's Congressional Delegation to advance the requests with individual Members.</p> <p>The House Appropriations Committee approved its version of the Energy and Water Appropriations bill on June 25. The bill included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1 million for the Duwamish/Green Ecosystem Restoration Program, and • \$600,000 for the Puget Sound Nearshore. <p>The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of the Energy and Water Appropriations bill on July 10.</p> <p>The bill included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3 million for the Duwamish/Green Ecosystem Restoration Program, and • \$1.5 million for the Puget Sound Nearshore. <p>The House Appropriations Committee approved its version of the Commerce, Justice Science Appropriations bill on June 25. The bill included \$65 million for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Program.</p> <p>The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of the Commerce, Justice Science Appropriations bill on June 19. The bill included \$90 million for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Program.</p> <p>The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of the Agriculture Appropriations bill on July 17. The bill did not include funding for the Snoqualmie Project.</p>
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			<p>The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture has yet to schedule a markup for its version of the Agriculture Appropriations bill.</p> <p>On September 30, the President signed H.R. 2638, a continuing resolution for all federal agencies and activities until enactment of the applicable regular appropriations bill or until March 6, 2009, whichever occurs first.</p>
5.	Homeland Security/Emergency Management	<p>Secure the following in the Homeland Security Appropriations bill:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$500,000 to complete flood studies and to support DFIRMs appeals and publication of revised Green and White River maps; 2. \$5 million for floodplain buyouts and home elevations to reduce flood risks for the residential area of North Bend; and <p>\$1.5 million for the acquisition and installation of Chemical, Biological, and HazMat detection system, in the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel.</p>	<p>TFG continued to monitor the congressional appropriations process and work with the County's Congressional Delegation to advance the requests with individual Members.</p> <p>The House Appropriations Committee approved its version of the Homeland Security Appropriations bill on June 24. The bill did not include the projects.</p> <p>The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of the Homeland Security Appropriations bill on June 19. The bill did not include the projects.</p> <p>On September 30, the President signed H.R. 2638, a continuing resolution for all federal agencies and activities until enactment of the applicable regular appropriations bill or until March 6, 2009, whichever occurs first. This resolution included the text of the final FY2009 Homeland Security Appropriations bill. It did not, however, include funding for these projects.</p>

6.	Reclaimed Water	Secure \$1.5 million in the Interior and Environment Appropriations bill under EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) program for construction of reclaimed water distribution facilities for agricultural irrigation in the Sammamish Valley.	<p>TFG continued to monitor the congressional appropriations process and work with the County's Congressional Delegation to advance the request with individual Members.</p> <p>Neither the full House nor Senate Appropriations Committees have yet to schedule markups for their respective versions of the Interior Appropriations bill.</p> <p>On September 30, the President signed H.R. 2638, a continuing resolution for all federal agencies and activities until enactment of the applicable regular appropriations bill or until March 6, 2009, whichever occurs first.</p>
7.	Public Safety Technology Project	Secure \$1.5 million in the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill for upgrades to GPS-based laptops, in-car video and mobile interoperability for critical incident response.	
8.	Health Care Reform	Secure \$350,000 in the Department of Health and Human Service's Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services Appropriations for the Puget Sound Health Alliance for the development of a health information database to measure and share quality of care information across employers and health plans in the Puget Sound region.	
9.	Housing and Community Development Funds	Secure the following in Housing and Urban Development Appropriations: \$1.9 million for relocation costs for low income floodplain residents at high risk of flooding (40-50 trailers @ Cedar Grove Mobile Home Park).	<p>TFG continued to monitor the congressional appropriations process and work with the County's Congressional Delegation to advance the request.</p> <p>The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of the Transportation, HUD Appropriations bill on July 10. The bill did not include funding for Cedar Grove.</p>

			<p>The House Appropriations Committee has yet to schedule a markup for its version of the Transportation, HUD Appropriations bill.</p> <p>On September 30, the President signed H.R. 2638, a continuing resolution for all federal agencies and activities until enactment of the applicable regular appropriations bill or until March 6, 2009, whichever occurs first.</p>
10.	Energy Efficiency	Secure \$750,000 in Energy and Water Appropriations in the Department of Energy - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Account for the Issaquah Highlands Zero Energy Affordable Housing Project.	<p>TFG continued to monitor the congressional appropriations process and work with the County's Congressional Delegation to advance the request with individual Members.</p> <p>The House Appropriations Committee approved their version of the Energy and Water Appropriations bill on June 25. The bill did not include the project.</p> <p>The Senate Appropriations Committee approved their version of the Energy and Water Appropriations bill on July 10. The bill did not include the project.</p> <p>On September 30, the President signed H.R. 2638, a continuing resolution for all federal agencies and activities until enactment of the applicable regular appropriations bill or until March 6, 2009, whichever occurs first.</p>

President Signs Temporary Funding Resolution in Lieu of Most FY 2009 Appropriations Bills

On September 30, only hours before the start of the new federal fiscal year on October 1, President Bush signed H.R. 2638, a continuing resolution which provides full funding for military construction and the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs and keeps the rest of the government funded through March 6, 2009 at FY 2008 levels, leaving final decisions on spending for most domestic programs to the next Congress and President. The other 9 appropriations bills for FY 2009 remain unfinished.

The legislation also includes \$22.9 billion for disaster relief to help victims of this year's floods, hurricanes and wildfires, \$7.5 billion to support a \$25 billion loan to the U.S. auto industry, and ends the moratorium on offshore oil and gas drilling.

FY 2010 Agenda Meetings in King County

On September 7-9, The Ferguson Group (TFG) traveled to King County to meet with Councilmembers and County staff to begin work on the Fiscal Year 2010 federal agenda. TFG is preparing the first draft of the federal agenda and will send it to Chuck Williams and Maura Brueger by mid-October for their review and comment. In all of the meetings, TFG was accompanied by Chuck Williams, Maura Brueger, Tom Bristow, and Carmela Ennis.

COUNCILMEMBER CONSTANTINE AND COUNCILMEMBER FERGUSON'S STAFF

TFG met with Councilmember Constantine and, in a separate meeting, Mamie Marcus of Councilmember Ferguson's staff to discuss County priorities for the federal FY 2010 agenda and current status of the appropriation process in Washington, D.C.

MEETING WITH JUDGE HALPERT

TFG met with Assistant Presiding Superior Court Judge Helen Halpert and her staff to discuss funding for courthouse security and an improved defendant tracking system.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

TFG met with the Sheriff's staff to discuss the status of the projects on the Sheriff's FY 2009 federal agenda. A possible new project request for the FY 2010 agenda is a community "e-policing" technology pilot project.

EXECUTIVE STAFF

TFG met with the Executive's staff to discuss the following issues: status of the FY 2009 appropriations process, climate change/cap and trade legislation, reauthorization of federal surface transportation programs, health care reform, infrastructure investment, the energy efficiency and conservation block grant program, implementation of the housing foreclosure assistance bill and the upcoming Presidential transition process.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

TFG met with the Department of Transportation staff to discuss the status of transportation projects on the FY 2009 agenda and the upcoming reauthorization of federal surface transportation programs (currently known as the "SAFETEA-LU" legislation). For FY 2010, new projects were discussed, including the acquisition of 7-10 ferry vessels, redevelopment of the Colman Dock, bike sharing, covered bicycle parking at transit facilities, bus fleet acquisition for the West Seattle RapidRide, the University of Washington multi-modal center, a demonstration project for renewable energy and ultra-high efficiency transit facilities, low-

energy bus yard lighting, charging stations for electric cars and vanpools/vanshares at park and ride lots, a Bellevue bus layover project, taxiway alpha rehabilitation at King County International Airport, an air rescue fire fighting facility, airport security improvements, purchase of airport adjacent property, the helipad number 1 north project, hybrid vehicle fleet acquisition and a neighborhood electric vehicle program.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

TFG met with Emergency Management staff to discuss the following issues: status of King County's second appeal to FEMA regarding its denial of funding reimbursement for earthquake damage to the Courthouse, an expected match requirement of 20-25 percent for Homeland Security funds, a 15 percent personnel cap, and the region's current Tier II status.

PUBLIC HEALTH

TFG met with Public Health staff to discuss the following issues: continued development of the Puget Sound Health Alliance as a Charter Value Exchange, public health reform measures, sustainable federally-qualified health center funding and Medicaid policies, line authority for the Surgeon General, and a national board of health.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND PARKS

TFG met with the Natural Resources and Parks staff, to discuss the status of the FY 2009 federal agenda and the possible submittal of a project request for the pending Water Resources Development Act Reauthorization. For FY 2010, the projects that were discussed include: the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery program, Puget Sound recovery funding, North Bend floodplain buyouts, improved flood conveyance at the S.R. 202 Bridge, Green River levees reconstruction, and the North Bend 205 project.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES

TFG met with Community and Human Services staff to discuss the status of the FY 2009 federal agenda and key federal programs, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the HOME Investment Partnerships program, the McKinney/Vento Homeless Assistance program and the Shelter Plus Care program, the Section 8 program, the Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities program, the housing foreclosure assistance legislation, the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness in King County, the Workforce Investment Act and mental health issues.

King County Attends National Climate Change Coalition Policy-Making Retreat

On September 14-16, Councilmember Larry Phillips, Chuck Williams and Jim Lopez joined approximately 40 city and county officials who convened at a *Climate Communities* retreat at the Pocantico Conference Center in Tarrytown, New York. The retreat, funded by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, provided an opportunity for local government leaders to begin developing a climate action blueprint for the next

President and Congress. *Climate Communities*, partnering with ICLEI USA, is developing the blueprint to focus on national policies needed to empower local governments in promoting green buildings, increasing public transit and cleaner vehicles and fuels, fostering community-scale renewables, building green infrastructure, creating green jobs and businesses, and adapting to the impacts of climate change.

Councilmember Larry Phillips and Councilmember Constantine are members of *Climate Communities'* Executive Committee.

Climate Communities is a TFG-managed coalition of cities and counties that is educating federal policymakers about the essential role of local governments in addressing climate change and promoting a strong local-federal partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. King County is one of the founding members of the coalition and had a leading role in the Governance and Nominating Committees.

Visit of Mr. Chuck Williams and Mr. Tom Bristow to Washington, D.C.

On September 16-19, Chuck Williams and Tom Bristow traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with the County's Congressional delegation to discuss the status of the County's FY 2009 agenda and key upcoming events for next year, such as the upcoming reauthorization of federal surface transportation programs.

The Ferguson Group arranged and participated in meetings for Mr. Williams and Mr. Bristow regarding all of the projects and issues on the County's agenda, including meetings with staff members in the following offices: Senator Murray, Sen. Cantwell, Congressman Dicks, Congressman McDermott, Congressman Reichert, and Congressman Smith.

(For more information, contact Bill Hanka at 202-331-8500.)

Second Appeal of FEMA Denial of Nisqually Earthquake Reimbursement

FEMA has still not offered a formal response to the second appeal of its denial of previously approved claims from the 2001 Nisqually earthquake's damage to the King County Courthouse. Mr. Williams and Mr. Bristow discussed this issue with the congressional delegation during their September lobbying visit and TFG has been following up on that effort since then. Congressman Reichert has taken the lead on this issue and is currently following up directly with FEMA Administrator Paulison.

(For more information, contact Kareem Murphy at 202-331-8500.)

Congress Scuttles Additional Aid for Medicaid and SCHIP

House and Senate leaders attempted to pass economic stimulus legislation that would increase the Federal Matching Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for the remainder of FY 2009 and all of FY 2010. The House approved the measure on September 26, but the Senate failed to approve it on a procedural vote the

following day. Currently, there is no plan for the Senate to take another vote on the measure, effectively killing its chance for passage this year.

(For more information, contact Kareem Murphy at 202-331-8500.)



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King County -- The Ferguson Group Results FY 2005-2009

Project Name	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY2007 (no earmarks)	FY 2008	FY2009 (pending)
Bellevue-Redmond RapidRide					\$20,000,000
Biogas				\$500,000	
Bus Radio Replacement		\$2,000,000			
Cedar Green Partnership	\$1,600,000	\$2,000,000			
Hybrid Buses	\$5,000,000			\$294,000	
County-wide Signal Program	\$2,000,000				
Court Technology				\$305,500	
Duwamish/Green	\$1,250,000	\$1,875,000		\$1,626,000	\$3,000,000 (Sen) / \$1,000,000 (Hse)
Influenza Pandemic Preparedness					
Lake Washington Ship Canal	\$450,000	\$235,000			
Maury Island Conservation Initiative	\$1,500,000				
Molten Fuel Cell Demonstration	\$400,000				
Pacific Highway Bus Rapid Transit				\$13,794,480	
Passage Point				\$490,000	
Puget Sound and Adjacent Waters	\$500,000	\$1,500,000			
Puget Sound Nearshore	\$525,000	\$750,000		\$1,279,000	\$1,500,000 (Sen) / \$600,000 (Hse)
Puyallup/White River	\$450,000				
Tolt Bridge Replacement		\$250,000			
Vashon Island Passenger Only Ferry		\$1,400,000		\$588,000	\$1,000,000
Total	\$13,675,000	\$10,010,000		\$18,876,500	\$22,600,000 --- \$25,500,000